

Hollenbeck Park Advisory Board
Minutes of Meeting:
Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6pm

PAB Members Present: (The meeting was conducted using Google Meet and entirely telephonically.)

Dina Cruz, Carlos Montes, Vivian Escalante, and Armando Martinez, director,
Community representatives: Isabella Torres, Community Resource Specialist, Officer Jesse Griego of the LAPD, Andrew Said, Deputy District Attorney, Socorro Chacon, Friends of Hollenbeck, Matthew Casillas, CD 14 Field Deputy, and Joel Ojeda, community representative.

*Director A. Martinez, welcomed community representatives and requested that Dina Cruz, lead out on the Agenda items and Dina Cruz accepted.

*Approval of Minutes of PAB meeting for October 9, 2020, were reviewed and approved.

Community Reports: Isabella Torres, Community Resource Specialist, District Attorney's Office.

* Updated the PAB members about the many services offered by the city and the District Attorney's office. Also, shared that her office was collaborating with other agencies to prevent the spread of Covid19, dealing with masks, petty crime and other pandemic issues.

* Andrew Said, Deputy, LA City Attorney's office, shared that he works with the community to solve problems on various issues. On property rights and obligations, illegal businesses, and environmental issues and disputes with local citizens and businesses. Questions on the status of the German Hospital, its disrepair and abandonment were asked by several board members.

*LAPD Representative, Officer Jesse Griego, updated PAB on Public Safety issues, shared current crime statistics and also gave a report on Boyle Heights crime issues and 15% increase of crime in the area. Also, updated us on crime at Hollenbeck Park and over five shootings in the homeless encampment area next to the freeway.

* CD 14 Representative, Matthew Casillas, shared new information on regular neighborhood clean-up schedules and giving out more than 1000 turkeys on Monday, November 23 by Kevin de Leon's office.

*Director's Report: Armando Martinez, shared with the PAB members and community the progress on the installations of 30 LED lights, and 25 cameras. Also, shared progress on the Outside Exercise Machine installment. The addition of three new trees planted in tree beds for the Exercise area. Shared forthcoming grand opening in January 2021 of the Exercise Machines.

Action Items:

*Include the Hollenbeck Park & Lake Master Plan for a Beautification Project at next February 9th, 2021 agenda by Vivian Escalante, board member.

Action Item 1: Beautification Project of Green Park Trash Cans: The board voted that we develop a proposal to paint 5 to 10 trash cans at Hollenbeck Park to add to the park beautification. It was voted that Armando Martinez find out the policy for developing this proposal for painting trash cans. Action item: This proposal/plan must use Covid-19 guidelines of using masks and being 6 feet apart with artist and students. The board also shared that the artist must be from our local community and submit their designs to our board. A theme can be selected but the board is looking at nature and pop art. The beautification project must include

all seven points brought up by the Department of Recreation & Parks, Division of Maintenance, Planning and Construction. 1. Needs a Proposal with an Overview plan. Include pictures of current trash cans and submitted designs to be used by artist. 2. Select an Experienced Artist, (the board prefers a local artist). 3. Select a few students to help the artist. 4. Develop a Budget for paint, paint brushes and miscellaneous cost, (paper and pens). 5. A back-up plan to do touch ups if they are tagged by graffiti. 6. A timeline when it will be started and finished. 7. Submit entire packet and information to the Division of Maintenance, Planning and Construction of the Department of Recreation & Parks.

Action Item 2: Dog Park Project, The Hollenbeck Park Advisory Board voted to approve the development and research of a Dog Park proposal/plan at Hollenbeck Park and entrance and to be built on CalTrans property and going through Hollenbeck Park. This plan will need to include three sections. 1. For small dogs, 2. For large dogs and 3. for storage. The plan should include functional dimensions such as width and length and along with gates, fencing, water needs and various structural plans. If any benches, or shade are being requested, then a funding plan in how one intends to move forward on this plan. If any classes are being planned, then to list what type of free community classes to be offered to the community. The board requested that Joel Ojeda, the presenter return with an organized plan/proposal for the next meeting.

Action Item 3: Armando Martinez, the director proposed to the board that we forego our board meetings in December and January, to allow time to be done on various projects that are being worked on, such as the Outdoor Exercise Machines and the fixing of the 4th Street restroom doors which are broken and being replaced. Also, giving our board time to develop a Hollenbeck Park & Lake Master Plan presentation in February 2021. The board accepted the motion and seconded, and voted to meet again on Tuesday, February 9 at 6pm.

Next Meeting: to be Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6pm.
Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm